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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, March 22, 2021, at 3 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 2021

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CUELLAR).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

March 19, 2021.

I hereby appoint the Honorable HENRY CUELLAR to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

O God, in You do we place our trust; in You do we find our refuge. You are our Lord; apart from You there is nothing that we can do or claim that can truly be called good.

Forgive us when we part ways with You and pursue other gods; the gods of power, position, possession; when we taste on our lips the gods of ego, ease, and expertise.

Remind us that to worship these things will only lead to suffering and sadness. For You alone are sufficient, the source of our serenity. You have already provided all that we need and are so privileged to enjoy.

So shall we praise You, the Lord, who gives us counsel, who provides instruction even in the darkest hours of our days.

May we keep our eyes always on You. With You alongside us, our hearts will be glad and our steps sure.

Make Yourself known to us on the paths we trod. Fill us with the joy of Your presence.

We offer this prayer in the strength of Your name.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from California (Mr. MCNERNEY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. MCNERNEY led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

INCITING POLITICAL VIOLENCE

(Mr. GOMEZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GOMEZ. Mr. Speaker, I believe some of my Republican colleagues, and one in particular, wish harm upon this legislative body. I am not saying this for shock value; it is the conclusion I drew after a Member of Congress advocated violence against our peers, the Speaker, and our government.

It is what I believed after this Chamber was turned into a crime scene just 10 weeks ago. It is how many of us felt, sheltering in this room, as the Capitol was breached.

Some Members called their loved ones to say good-bye. Others prayed to their God. And I asked myself if this would be the day our democracy died.

I take no joy in introducing this resolution, but any Member who incites political violence and threatens our lives must be expelled, and I will do everything I can in my power to protect our democracy and keep all of my colleagues safe.

RECOGNIZING THE LINEMEN AND LINEWOMEN OF TEXAS

(Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the resilient linemen of Texas-25 for their outstanding work to successfully provide power to Texas homes, businesses, and communities during the catastrophic winter storms.

I and many others send our deep gratitude to the workers of the

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